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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EVANSVILLE FELON CHARGED WITH
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WILLIAM ALLEN STRICKLAND, 38, of Evansville, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for possession of a firearm by a felon following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Evansville Police Department.

The indictment alleges that STRICKLAND possessed seven firearms on May 21, 2004, after he had been convicted of felony offenses in 1995 and 2001, in Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, STRICKLAND faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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